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Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the SH-27, Burley City Limits to JCT I-84 project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Idaho Transportation Department and the project is located at State Highway 27, Burley, ID 83318.

The funding is designated to repair 1.4 miles of deficient pavement on a segment of SH-27 that connects the City of Burley, Idaho to US Interstate 84. This project consists of a mill and overlay process that will eliminate rutting and restore the cross slope of the roadway. SH-27 is a north-south system road that provides primary access between smaller, outlying agricultural communities in southern Idaho and the commercial hub of Burley. The interchange of SH-27 with I-84, just north of the Burley city limits, allows direct connection to other regional economic centers, including Twin Falls, Boise, Pocatello, and Salt Lake City, Utah. This route is heavily utilized by the agricultural industry to transport farm and ranch commodities and supplies and by local commuters headed to Twin Falls or other area destinations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will increase safety, mobility, and economic opportunity by improving the roadway surface and restoring cross slope drainage.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson April 20, 2021